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## BYLAW FOCUSES ON PARKING EDUCATION

**Medicine Hat** – As part of an ongoing public education program, Medicine Hat's Bylaw Enforcement is putting increased efforts onto parking offences in April.

"For the month of April 2007, the Bylaw Education and Enforcement Program (BEEP) will be focusing on parking offences under the City of Medicine Hat Traffic Bylaw 2434," says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "Specifically sections related to parking in an alley, parking trailers on the street, and parking where street sweeping signs have been placed, which are some of the offences we receive the most complaints about from the public."

Section 3 of the bylaw prohibits the parking of a motor vehicle in an alley unless actively engaged in the loading or unloading of goods from a commercial vehicle for a period not exceeding 30 minutes. It also prohibits the loading or unloading of goods or passengers from a vehicle other than a commercial vehicle for a period not exceeding five minutes provided the vehicle does not obstruct the free passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic through the alley.

Section 6 prohibits the parking of a trailer on a highway, street or alley unless the trailer is attached to a motor vehicle by which it may be drawn except for loading or unloading of a holiday trailer for a period not exceeding 24 hours.

Section 18.5 prohibits the parking a vehicle on a roadway where a movable sign has been placed for the purposes of street cleaning, snow removal or any other activity for which the sign has been placed there by the City.

"Vehicles, including trailers, found in violation of these provisions may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense," adds Crittenden.

For more information on this program, Fred Crittenden, the Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement, can be contacted at 529-8436. Traffic Bylaw 2434 is located on the City's website www.medicinehat.ca under City Government / Bylaws.

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